

# Unimas to commercialise research products

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**SANTUBONG:** Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) may soon commercialise most of its research products with the help of the relevant industries.

Unimas vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Khairuddin Ab Hamid said there is huge potential for the university's research products to be marketed and commercialised, only if they are ready to be utilised by the industries and the end-users.

"The problem is that we are not familiar with the process from research to utilisation ... it is a totally different set of skills and knowledge altogether," he gave the reason why the university had not vigorously commercialised its research products.

"We need to work with the relevant industries so that we can stage them ... from research products to the market and eventually to the end-users," Prof Khairuddin added.

He said, "We are specialised in research and the level of prototyping but to bring the products to the market, we need the input from the industry right from the beginning."

According to him, Unimas had registered many of its research products as intellectual properties



**THANK YOU:** Prof Dr Khairuddin (second right) presents a memento to Bhupesh Deka (left) from Infosys India, witnessed by KPT's director for management services, Abdul Hadi Omar and Azmar Hisham Mohd Basri (right) from MDEC's Talent Division.

in Malaysia and worldwide, with the most recent being the dengue diagnostic kit while the rest is still in the pre-commercialisation process.

"The other great potentials are the software and applications that we had developed, it is just a matter of how we can package them and put them on the market," Prof Khairuddin told the Borneo Post after the

closing ceremony of the Faculty Enablement Programme (FEP) workshop held at Damai Beach Resort, Santubong, yesterday.

The workshop was held from Jan 30 to Feb 7 with the participation of 46 lecturers from 17 universities, five polytechnics and one from Mara Community College.

The 12-day event was jointly organised by Ministry for Higher

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Prof Khairuddin, who is also the national KPT-Infosys Technical Committee chairman, said one of the aims of the FEP is to give the participants a better view on the methodologies which can be used in teaching computer science and Information Technology (IT).

The workshop was conducted by facilitators from Infosys India, namely team leader Manisha, Vani Kumaralingam Norayanan, Neeraj Garg, Kayra Gopi and Bhupesh Deka.

Also present at the function was Department of Higher Education (JPT) director for Management Services, Abdul Hadi Omar and Azmar Hisham Mohd Basri from MDEC's Talent Division and Dr Shapiee Abdul Rahman, deputy dean of Unimas Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology.

